

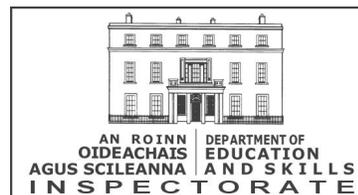
An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna

Department of Education and Skills

**Follow-Through Inspection
REPORT**

**Bunclody Vocational College
Bunclody, County Wexford
Uimhir rolla: 71620H**

Date of inspection: 4 December 2015



Date of original inspection¹	17/1/13	Type of original report	SIR Maths	Date of FT inspection	4/12/15
Report published	Yes				
Follow-through inspection activities					
Recommendation in original inspection report		Progress achieved to date on implementation of recommendation			
There is scope for greater use of challenging questioning strategies that would encourage better learning for understanding among all students.		Very good progress Overall very good progress has been made with the implementation of this recommendation. During lessons observed all teachers routinely challenged students using a range of questioning strategies. The mathematics department is implementing questioning strategies promoted in the resources provided by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment.			
Summary of findings					
A significant programme of collaborative work has been undertaken by the mathematics department to promote Mathematics within the school. Mathematical posters and notices are now displayed in the newly opened extension in the school and this is a welcome development. Commendably, students now participate in the Irish Mathematics Teachers Association competition and this year the school hosted the Wexford final of the competition. Since the original inspection, the mathematics department has worked to increase the number of students participating in higher-level Mathematics and a review of students' attainment indicates an increase year on year in students taking higher level. A member of the mathematics department is chairing the school's numeracy policy group and is also promoting and raising awareness of the mathematics curriculum through the School Self-Evaluation process.					
Recommendations					
No further recommendations arise in relation to the recommendations in the original report.					

The board of management was given an opportunity to comment in writing on the findings and recommendations of the report, and the response of the board will be found in the appendix of this report.

¹ Date on cover of original inspection report

Appendix

School response to the report

Submitted by the Board of Management

Part A: Observations on the content of the inspection report

The Board of Management of Bunclody Vocational College values this follow through inspection of the teaching and learning of Mathematics in our College. We welcome the findings of this report in that it duly recognises the many strengths, diversity and collaborative work of our Maths Department and the examples of very good practices observed.

The Board of Management note the very good progress that has been made with the implementation of recommendations made in the 2013 subject inspection report. We also echo the commendation of the significant programme of collaborative work undertaken by the Maths Department in promoting Mathematics in the school. In particular we recognise the participation of the students in the Irish Maths Teachers Association competition, the number of students participating in higher level Maths and the associated attainment levels.

Part B: Follow-up actions planned or undertaken since the completion of the inspection activity to implement the findings and recommendations of the inspection

There are no further recommendations at this time.